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Everett players leap for joy after beating Rogers in AAA girls basketball semifinals at the Seattle Center Arena.

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Hoopla: Tourney hysteria grips Center

by Bill Dietrich
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Was that rocking rumble of a reverberating roar last night a sign that Mount St. Helens is about to blow her top again?

Nope — it was just Garfield and Curtis High School basketball fans trying to holler the roof off the Seattle Center Coliseum.

It was tremor enough to rattle the Richter scale, and just five minutes into the first quarter, mind you ... in a mere semifinal game.

But this is, after all, hoop hysteria weekend — the state high school basketball tourney. And these were the two AAA boys' teams rated top in the state.

So unless you had your windows bolted and "The Dukes of Hazzard" on awfully loud on TV, you no doubt heard the horns, whoops and screams announcing that "Garfield is No. 1!" Or as one group of hysterical fans put it: "We are soooooo good!"

Whether Garfield is really tops remains to

be proved today, as teams move closer to the finals.

They'll joust at the Center to a background of dancing tubas, crashing feet, cheerleaders, confetti, an occasional Irish flag amidst St. Patrick's green and ubiquitous Parker Paint paper hats.

The enterprising paint manufacturer turned some stands into a sea of bobbing white by passing out its hats labeled with team names.

The boys' games this weekend promise some of the hottest, most spirited 32 minutes of play-time this side of World War III. But it was the girls who yesterday produced some of the most interesting matches.

Kids played hockey, parents begged off work and some teachers paid for substitutes in order to watch Everett's girls clash with Puyallup's John Rogers team at the Seattle Center Arena.

"There's a lot more people following the girls' games because they're getting so much better," said spectator Judy Liljestrom.

Rogers lacked Everett's height and hoop accuracy but ran the winning team hard. One player, Cindy Pitzinger, fainted during play. Another, Joan Wildermuth, plays with one eye. Three have had recent surgery for injuries sustained from various sports.

"We're not fast — we're just tough," Everett coach Delores Sutherland said.

Added Mike Greenwood, coach of Spokane's Lewis and Clark High School girls' team: "Gaining a competitive spirit is something you need in today's economy. The basketball also teaches people how to understand failure: they learn how to cope with that."

"It's just quite a thrill," said Tom Walstrom, buying a picture of his daughter, Kristy, of Bellingham's Sehome High, in action.

Sehome won its game, but it's unlikely anyone really lost. Summed up Greenwood: "Everyone ought to experience something like a state tournament sometime in their life."

Seattle detective shot in drug raid

A Seattle narcotics detective was shot through the chest last night after he burst into a Central Area home on what was intended to be a cocaine raid.

Detective Duane Lewis, 36, was reported conscious but in serious condition last night at Harborview Medical Center.

At 7:20 p.m., Lewis led a squad of eight detectives into a home at 320 26th Ave. E. by breaking down the front door.

According to Sgt. Gary Flynn, department spokesman, Lewis ran into the dining room in pursuit of a suspect fleeing toward the back of the house. A second man there had

a gun. Lewis "wheeled to get out of the way" but was shot in the back, Flynn said.

The fleeing man escaped. The suspect in the shooting was taken into custody, while another man, woman and child were held for questioning in the cocaine case.

There were no immediate charges.

It was the second shooting in the area in two nights. At 6:20 p.m. Thursday, Bernard Heidleberg, 3246 37th Ave. S., was killed at the Honeysuckle Tavern at 22nd Avenue and East Madison Street. There is no known connection between the two incidents.

6 rescued as Seattle boat sinks in Bering

by Susan Gilmore
Times staff reporter

DUTCH HARBOR, Alaska — Six fishermen aboard the Seattle-based crab boat Arctic Dreamer were rescued from the Bering Sea yesterday after spending three hours floating in survival suits.

The fishermen, most from the Seattle area, were picked up by the vessel Starlite after the Arctic Dreamer rolled, capsized and sank about eight miles northeast of Dutch Harbor.

All were in good condition, despite frigid temperatures and gale-force winds that whipped the Aleutian waters.

The Arctic Dream was the third Puget Sound-based crab boat lost in the Bering Sea in the past month. The Americus, out of Anacortes, capsized Feb. 14 just hours after leaving Dutch Harbor and sank with seven crewmen aboard. Its sister ship Altair, also with a crew of seven, disappeared the same day and has not been heard from since.

A Coast Guard inquiry into the loss of the two boats concluded yesterday, after taking testimony in Seattle and Dutch Harbor.

Those plucked from a life raft yesterday were Les Moren, skipper from Seattle; Roger Parmenter and Sue Pierce, both from Seattle; Don Demain, Bremerton; Michael Walsh, Vashon Island, and Brian Lehman, Cordova, Alaska.

The 98-foot vessel was heading toward Dutch Harbor at the time of the accident.

Walsh said he was sitting in the vessel's wheelhouse when the boat rocked and flipped on its side. The crew members donned survival suits and clung to the boat as it bobbed in the heavy swells.

"We were hanging on the side of the boat when a wave hit and

the boat disappeared," said Lehman. He said the boat sank within 15 seconds and the crew floated in the water nearly two hours before they could reach their life raft.

They were picked up by the Starlite a half hour later.

"I kept yelling, 'Starlite, star bright' get your a-- in here tonight," said Pierce of the minutes after the crew saw the rescue ship. They had been worried rescue boats wouldn't reach the scene before dark.

Four local vessels, aided by a small airplane, joined the search.

The crew members were well known by local fishermen who nervously monitored radio messages while the search was on the way. Many cheered when they heard the six were safe.

The rescued crew members were greeted with hugs when they stopped in a local bar last night.

The fishermen said they still don't know what caused the boat to capsize.

"We're rolling over," said Moren in his Mayday call for help about 2 p.m. We're on our side and we're staying here."

After the rescue, Moren radioed to friends: "Everyone's OK ... I've got my wind back ... We slipped backward, no reason ... That's a strange one."

The crew remained calm throughout the ordeal, Walsh said, adding he had no qualms about returning to crab fishing. In fact, by the end of the day he had already landed a job on another boat.

"Hell, I'm going to go out tomorrow; I've got house payments," said Walsh, who bought a new pair of rubber boots less than an hour after he returned to shore.

"Not me," said Lehman. "Get me some sneakers. I'm staying on land for a while."

Wah Mee survivor saved by gaming table

by Eric Nalder
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The lone survivor of the Feb. 19 Chinatown mass slaying may have lived because he wiggled to relative safety under a Wah Mee club gaming table where he was harder to wound with pistol shots, he has told police.

Wai Y. Chin, 61, knew he was going to be shot, but when the

bullets slammed into his neck, they came at such an oblique angle they did not cause fatal wounds, said authorities close to the murder investigation.

The 13 persons slain at the gambling club at 507-A Maynard Alley S. were shot point-blank in the skull as they lay on their stomachs with their hands and feet tied behind their backs, according to the King County medical examiner's office.

Chin provided information to the police which led to the arrests of Kin "Benjamin" Ng, 20, and Kwan Fai "Willie" Mak, 22. They have pleaded not guilty to 13 charges of aggravated first-degree murder. King County Prosecutor Norm Maleng said he will seek the death penalty.

Court papers filed with the charges assert that Mak, Ng and a third man entered the Wah Mee club before midnight Feb. 18. A

short time later, they drew handguns and ordered seven to eight persons present to lie on the floor, according to papers. They took money and wallets from their victims. As others entered the club, they were tied up and placed on the floor, according to court papers.

Twenty-nine bullets were fired

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Elegance is golden: Sumners skates to world title

by Dick Larsen
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HELSINKI — Washington state's Rosalynn Sumners, a blond, fun-filled 18-year-old, trained to be elegant, strong and to kill, did it all here last night.

With grace and strength, she killed off the competition from around the world and won the women's figure-skating championship of the world.

Her triumph came only about 48 hours after she suffered a near-disastrous slump in the middle of a week of tense competition. But, she remembered, she had been trained to be confident and to have a "kill attitude" in competition.

Thus, she stepped onto a podium in the center of Helsinki's ice arena and received the gold medal.

"I'm just glad to get it all over with," she said with a sigh.

The home folks around Seattle will have to wait until after April 13 to see Sumners and her gold medal.

As world champion, she will skate in a series of exhibitions across Europe, in cities in Germany, France, Britain and other nations.

There had been doubt about her supremacy right up until the moment, about 9:50 p.m. Helsinki time, when Sumners stepped onto the ice. She was the last of 28 competitors to skate.

When she waited to begin, the audience was still whooping and applauding for the performance of the 27th competitor, Kristiina Wegelius of Finland. Young girls on skates criss-crossed the arena, picking up dozens of flowers that had been thrown onto the ice by Wegelius' admirers.

Earlier in the evening, the Soviet Union's Elena

Voderozova, West Germany's Claudia Leistner and others had skated well and received solid scores. They needed only to have Sumners commit an error and one of them would be champion.

Then, with conspicuous confidence, Sumners went onto the ice.

A hush fell over the crowd as the two-time U.S. champion skated through the first, then the second minute of her freestyle program. It was a series of double jumps, spins and other demanding moves.

There were ooohs and aahs — and some cheers — from flag-waving Americans and Canadians in the audience when she staged a powerful jump and landed with her skates flowing in a whisper.

The audience was rapt. "I thought it was kind of a quiet crowd," Rosalynn would recall later.

But, as she approached her finale, the excitement and crowd noise rose. There were cheers for her bold, powerful finale.

She even received applause from a grandstand section filled with Germans, who earlier had cheered and waved German flags for Leistner.

The evening's previous high score had been given by the judges to East Germany's lithe, strong skater, Katarina Witt. Of a possible six points, Witt received mostly 5.6s, 5.7s and 5.8s.

Voderozova, the Russian who had been breathing on Sumners' neck all week, received mostly 5.4s and 5.5s.

But Sumners committed no error. Her performance was almost flawless. The crowd cheered her scores, as the nine judges flashed their verdict on the scoreboard: 5.7, 5.8, 5.9, 5.7, 5.9, 5.8, 5.6, 5.7, 5.6.

Then there were the judges' scores for the quality of exhibition: 5.8, 5.8, 5.9, 5.8, 5.9, 5.8, 5.8, 5.8, 5.8.

She had cleanly beaten every other skater. Minutes later, she was wearing the gold medal. Standing beside her on the podium, hearing "The Star-Spangled Banner" played by a Finnish band, were Leistner, wearing the silver medal, and Voderozova, wearing the bronze. Afterward, at a news conference attended by reporters of several nations, Sumners, aided by an interpreter, said she hopes to get some rest sometime soon, then begin working to strengthen her style for 1984, the year of the Olympics.

Once in her hotel room, Sumners found her telephone line flooded with incoming calls from news reporters and well-wishers at home.

"Are you going to put a sign up in Edmonds?" she asked one caller. She giggled. The caller was the mayor of Edmonds, Harv Harrison.

Sumners was making sly reference to a long-time competitor. A year ago, when Elaine Zayak beat Sumners and won the world championship, Zayak's hometown of Paramus, N.J., erected a sign at the outskirts of town. It reads "Home of Elaine Zayak, world figure skating champion." A photograph of that appeared in a recent issue of Sports Illustrated.

Twice Sumners beat Zayak in national competition. Earlier this week, Zayak dropped out of the 1983 world competition here.

Sumners said she didn't get a commitment for a sign at the outskirts of Edmonds, but she said that she could hear voices behind the mayor cheering her.

"Tell them thank you and I love Edmonds," she told the mayor.

Later she explained to friends in her hotel room: "He said, 'First we're going to give you a big parade when you get home.'"



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Rosalynn Sumners shows her medal after winning the world championship of women's figure skating in Helsinki last night.